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1. WE CONCERNED BY RESTRICTIVE DEFINITION OF "REGIONAL ACTIVITIES" CONTAINED IN REF A, PARA 3, WHICH APPEARS TO LIMIT USE OF FY-77 AND OUT YEAR IMET TO ONLY FIVE SENIOR STAFF SCHOOLS AND CADET EXCHANGES. AS OUR PROJECTION OF BRAZILIAN TRAINING PRIORITYIES FOR FY-77 REF B AND RU-78 REF C PROGRAMS INDICATE, BRAZILIAN ARMED FORCES WILL BE PLACING STUDENTS IN SENIOR STAFF SCHOOLS ONLY IN NUMBERS SUFFICIENT TO USE ABOUT QUARTER OF $100 THOUSAND IMET ALLOTED.

2. BRAZILIANS WHO ARE TIGHTLY BUGETED, WILL FIND IT DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND WHY PROFESSIONAL COURSES SUCH AS THE ADVANCED BRANCH COURSES, WHICH HAVE BEEN OPEN TO REGIONAL PARTICIPATION IN THE PAST, MAY NO LONGER BE FUNDED THROUGH IMET. NOT ONLY WILL THEY BE PAYING MRE FOR SUCH COURSES, BUT THEY WILL BE UNABLE TO USE A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THEIR IMET FUND ALLOTTED. THE BRAZILIAN ARMED FORCES
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WILL CONTINUE TO BUY SOME FORMS OF US TRAINING THROUGH FMS, BUT THE EMPHASIS MAY SHIFT FROM A MIX OF PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL TRAINING TO PURELY TECHNICAL SPECIALITY TRAINING WHICH CANNOT BE OBTAINED THROUGH THEIR OWN SCHOOL SYSTEM. WHILE WE EXPECT SOME GRUMBLING FROM THE BRAZILIAN SIDE, THE REAL LOSS WIL BE TO OUR OWN

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INTEREST IN STRESSING STANDARDIZATION OF PROCEDURE AND
COMPATIBILITY OF DOCTRINE AND IN INJECTING INTO THE BRAZILIAN AMRED
FORCES BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF HOW US ARMED FORCES OPERATE.
WE RECONIZE THIS IA AN ABTRCT CONCEPT, HARD TO QUANTIFY IN COST
BENEFIT TERMS, BUT WITH A SMALL PROGRAM IN A COUNTRY LIKE BRAZIL
WITH REASONABLE PROSPECTS OF CHIEVING WORLD POWER STATUS, THE
EFFORT TO PROMOTE STANDARDIZATION PROBABLY REPRESENTS THE BEST
POSSIBLE INVESTMENT OF OUR LIMITED SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
DOLLARS.

3. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF
THE DEPARTMENT'S CRITERIA FOR CHOOSING TYPES OF TRAINING
THAT MEET DEFINITION OF "REGIONAL ACTIVITIES." IF INDEED
IMET FUNDS ARE LIMITED TO USE FOR SCHOOLS AND EXCHANGES
CONTAINED IN REF A, PARA 3, WE ARE GOING TO BE ASKED ON
BOTHPOLITICAL AND MILITARY LEVELS FOR EXPLANATIONS OF OUR
RATIONALE FOR THE LIMITATIONS.
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